

Create memories, leave a legacy!

Become a State Park AmeriCorps Interpreter

Job Start Date May 18, 2007

Job End Date August 4, 2007

AmeriCorps Living Allowance \$7.06/hour for a minimum of 450 hours over a period not to exceed 3 months.

Benefits Upon completion of service, members will receive an education award of \$1,250.00 to be applied towards existing college loans or future tuition. Housing available where indicated below.

Minimum Qualifications

At least 1 year of college education in a degree plan majoring in natural science, park administration, interpretation, communication, history, forestry, education or a related field.

Requirements

Candidates selected for these positions must produce a valid driver's license, birth certificate or passport. A background check is required prior to job start date. This position has a non-traditional work week with weekend and holiday workdays. Mandatory 4 day interpretive training is held May 21 – 24, 2007.

Job Duties

These positions present programs that encourage connections between the park and the visitor. The position will be responsible for developing programs to include research, promotion and presentation. Presented programs can include formal (guided hikes, night hikes, campfire programs, family programs, recreational activities, and special events) or informal (roving, kiosk development, weekly park newsletter advertising upcoming interpretive opportunities). A majority of the programs will be presented within the park boundaries; however some programs might take place in the local community. Must participate in and organize Volunteer Generating activities during the term of service.

This position requires a minimum of 1 program on Friday evening, 2 on

16 positions will be located around the state to include the following:

- Backbone State Park
- Bellevue State park
- Clear Lake State Park
- George Wyth State Park
- Green Valley State Park
- Lake Macbride State Park
- Lake Manawa State Park
- Ledges State Park
- Lewis & Clark State Park

Locations

Essential Functions

Plans, creates and delivers thematic programs that reveal exciting and interesting connections to the park. Encourages active/participatory learning by visitors. Ensures visitor safety in development of programs and carries a complete first aid kit at all programs. Wears the AmeriCorps or IDNR uniform to all programs and Volunteer Generating Activities. Punctual to all programs and completes all required administrative functions of the position (hiring paperwork, AmeriCorp monthly paperwork, interpretive reporting, and end of term paperwork). Communicates with all park staff, keeping communication lines open and discussing on a weekly basis programs to be delivered and future planning.

To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to Michelle.Wilson@dnr.state.ia.us by February 28, 2007.